

Milton Town Council Meeting February 11, 2016 Summary Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Milton Public Library at approximately 6:30 PM on February 11, 2016 by Mayor Jones. A moment of silence was then observed, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Theodore Kanakos, present
Emory West, absent
Esthelda Parker-Selby, present
Michael Cote, present
Kevin Kelly, present
Sam Garde, present
Marion Jones, present
Seth Thompson, Milton Town Solicitor, present
John Collier, Milton Project Coordinator, present

These Preliminary Minutes:

These minutes cover only the high points of the meeting. The discussions were recorded, and may be transcribed at a later date. The recording is available in Town Hall. Documents included in the Council Package are not included as attachments to these summary minutes.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

There were no suggestions for additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Garde to approve the Agenda as submitted. Councilman Kelly seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Workshop style discussion regarding proposed amendments to the Town Charter:

Mrs Ginney Weeks, a citizen in attendance, commented that there was no way to remove persons from the Voting Rolls. Comments were also made that there were no provisions to remove the Mayor, Town Council members, or members of various Boards and Commissions for reasons other than commission of a felony. For example, Mayor & Town Council may want to consider excess absence as a cause for removal from office of any such official.

Mr Collier facilitated the discussions by projecting the current draft of the changes to the Charter. He indicated the draft being projected contained, to best of his knowledge and ability, all of the changes recommended by the Charter and Ordinance Committee, as well as other changes suggested during other past reviews. He made every effort to

incorporate new changes into that draft as the points were agreed during the discussions.

Aspects of the draft Charter revisions were discussed, starting at the very beginning, and going page by page, article by article. The intent is to hold such workshop meetings until Mayor, Town Council and the public in general by attendance at such meetings went through the entire Charter. Tonight's discussions covered Articles 1 through 7. Councilman Garde agreed to propose revised language for Article 3, "Annexation of Territory", subparagraphs (g) and (h) regarding options available to the Mayor and Town Council upon receipt of the report from the Special Review Committee.

A final summary of all Charter workshops will be prepared when the draft charter changes are all agreed by Mayor and Town Council members at such open workshops.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Approval

These minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda at the Town Council meeting held on March 3, 2017.

Very Respectfully submitted,
James C. ("Sam") Garde,
Secretary of the Town Council